

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as currently amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested

Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are currently active in this case. Claim 20 has been amended by the current amendment.

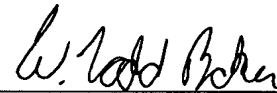
In the outstanding office action, claims 16-20 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, Applicants have amended the preamble of claim 20 to include what the Office deems a proper preamble necessary for a statutory computer program claim. If any additional changes to the preamble are needed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to reach an agreement.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 16 under 35 USC 101. Claim 16 is directed to a method implemented by, among other things, a mini-communicator and a server. Claim 16 is not a computer program claim. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 USC 101 rejection be withdrawn with regard to claims 16-19.

In view of the foregoing, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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